Computerisation of Banks in Delhi and Mumbai

*28. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the branches of nationalised banks in Delhi and Mumbai are not fully computerised;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what are the details of branches which are yet to be computerised in Delhi and Mumbai; and

(d) what are the plans of the banks to fully computerise these branches in a certain time-frame?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): (a) and (b) According to the information available as on 31st March, 2000, out of 1988 branches of nationalised banks in Delhi and Mumbai, 1052 branches are fully computerised and 758 branches are partially computerised.

(c) 178 branches of nationalised banks are yet to be computerised in Delhi and Mumbai.

(d) Computerisation in banks is a continuous process and being implemented depending on necessity, viability and feasibility. The nationalised banks have taken action to cover 70% of their total business through full computerisation before 1st January, 2001.

Selling of Fake Postal Stamps

†*29. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the use of fake postal stamps is on the rise in the country;

(b) if so, whether government have identified the sellers of fake stamps so far;

(c) if so, the number of persons from whom the stamps have been seized together with the break-up of the stamps seized and the places from where the same have been seized;

(d) whether government have taken any action against those persons;

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